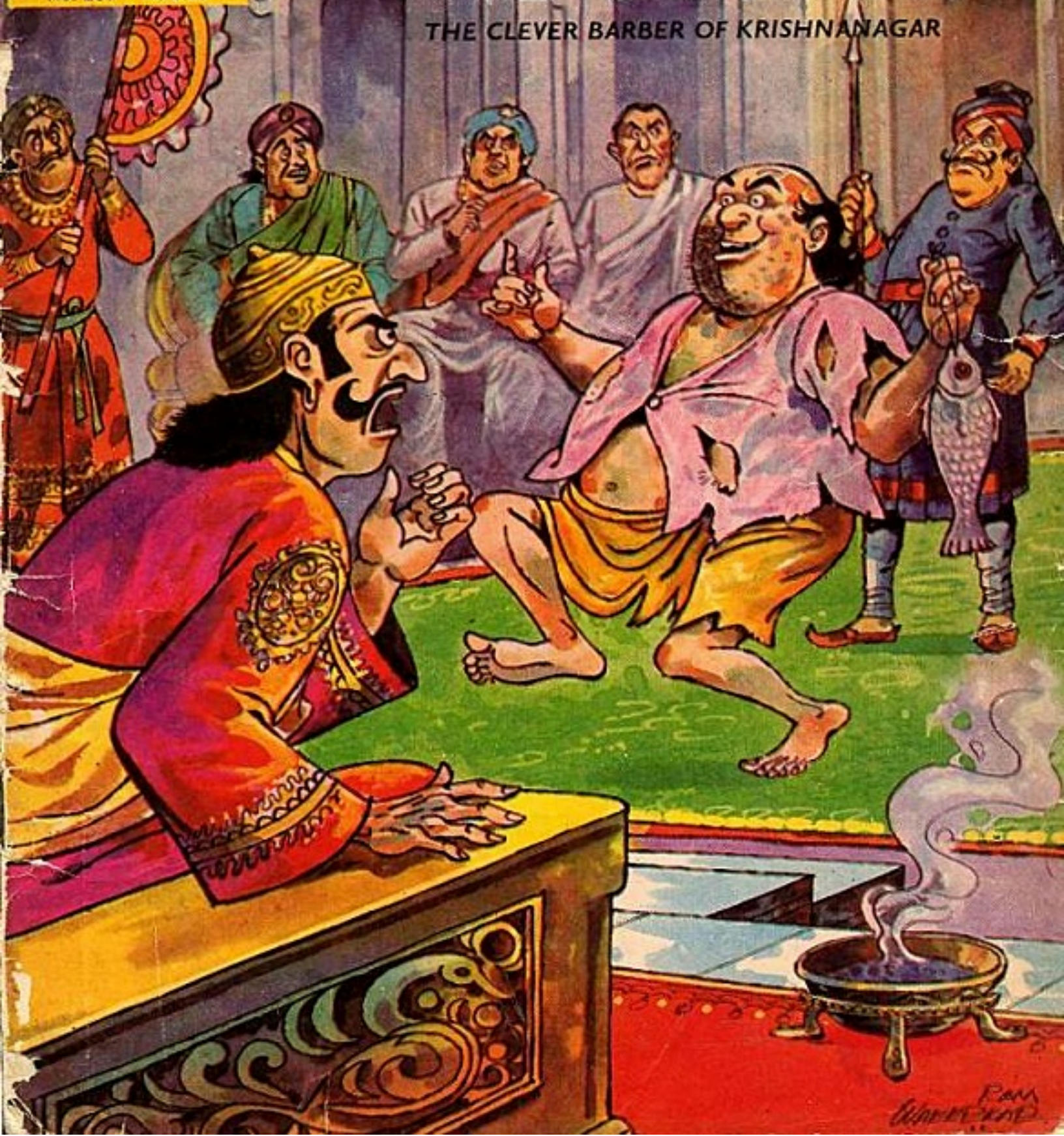




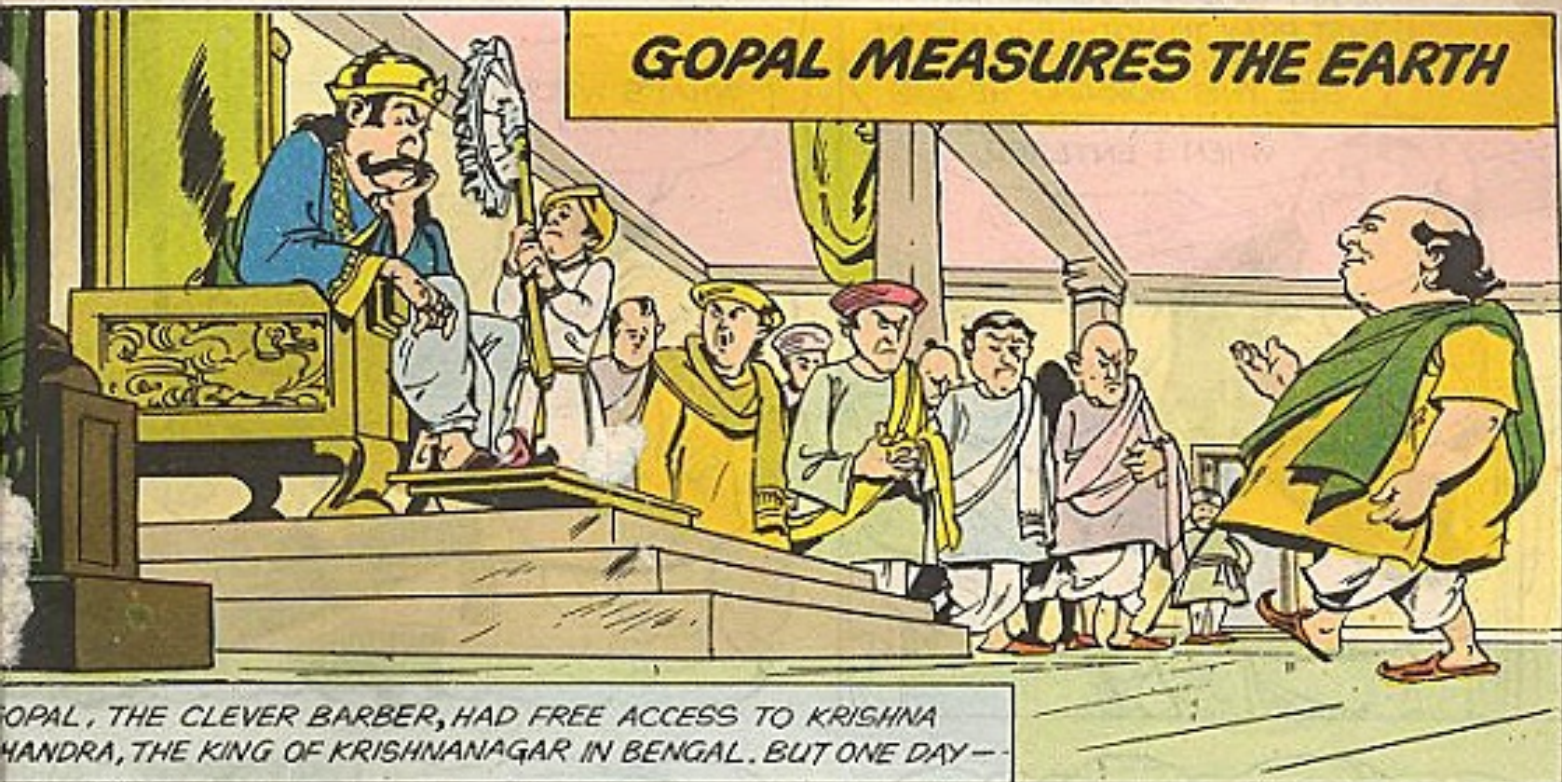
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GOPAL THE JESTER

THE CLEVER BARBER OF KRISHNANAGAR



GOPAL MEASURES THE EARTH



GOPAL, THE CLEVER BARBER, HAD FREE ACCESS TO KRISHNA CHANDRA, THE KING OF KRISHNANAGAR IN BENGAL. BUT ONE DAY —

THE KING DOES NOT WISH TO SEE YOU.

THEN I MUST SEE HIM.



I'M HERE, YOUR MAJESTY. YOUR MAJESTY?



DON'T BOTHER ME NOW, GOPAL. I'M WORRIED.



KINGS DON'T WORRY, YOUR MAJESTY! THEY PAY PEOPLE TO DO IT FOR THEM.



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बजरव कुमार पाडिया

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DON'T WORRY, YOUR MAJESTY!
JUST PRAY TO MOTHER KALI LIKE
THE FRIEND I DROPPED IN TO
SEE THIS MORNING. HE WAS
GROANING WITH PAIN
WHEN I ENTERED.



WHAT'S WRONG
WITH YOU ?

IT'S MY
STOMACH! I'VE
TRIED EVERY-
THING. OOH!
AAH!

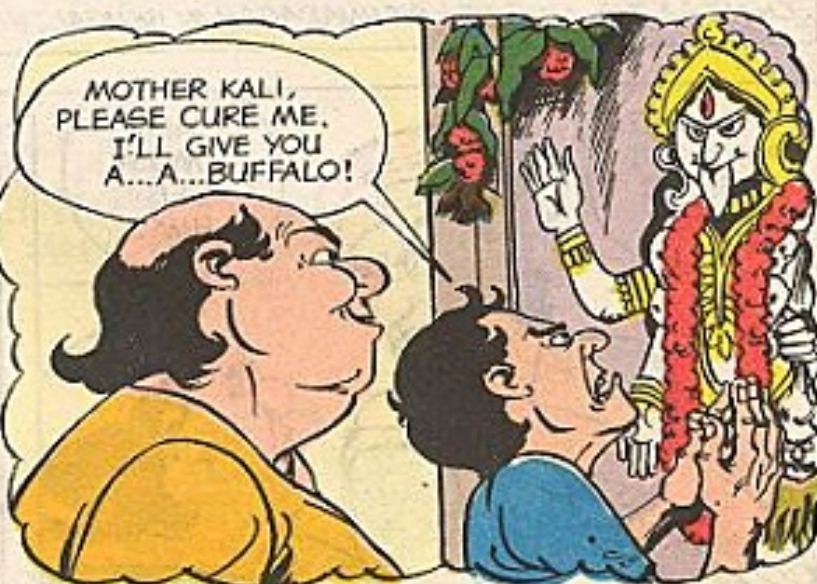


HAVE YOU TRIED
PRAYING TO
MOTHER
KALI ?

NO!
NO, I
HAVEN'T.



MOTHER KALI,
PLEASE CURE ME.
I'LL GIVE YOU
A...A...BUFFALO!



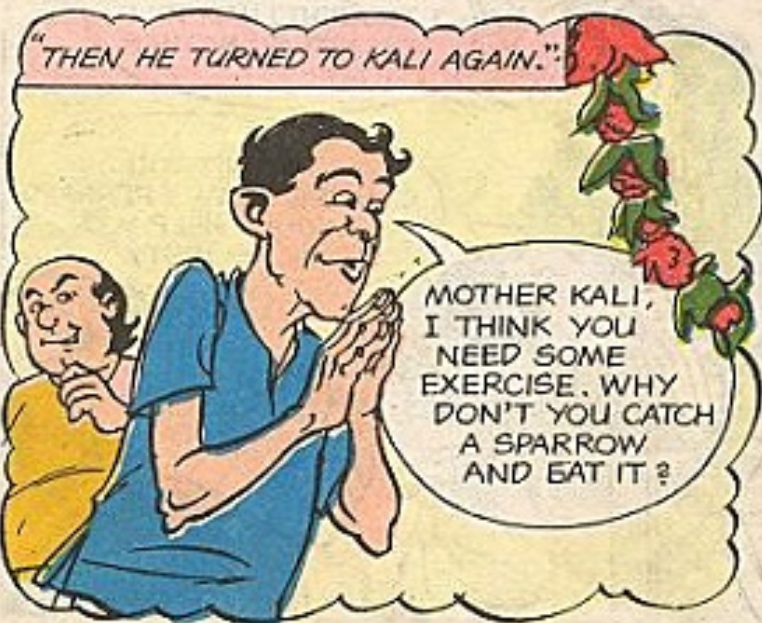
GOPAL, I FEEL
MUCH BETTER
ALREADY!

GOOD!
YOU'D BETTER
BUY
THAT
BUFFALO
NOW.

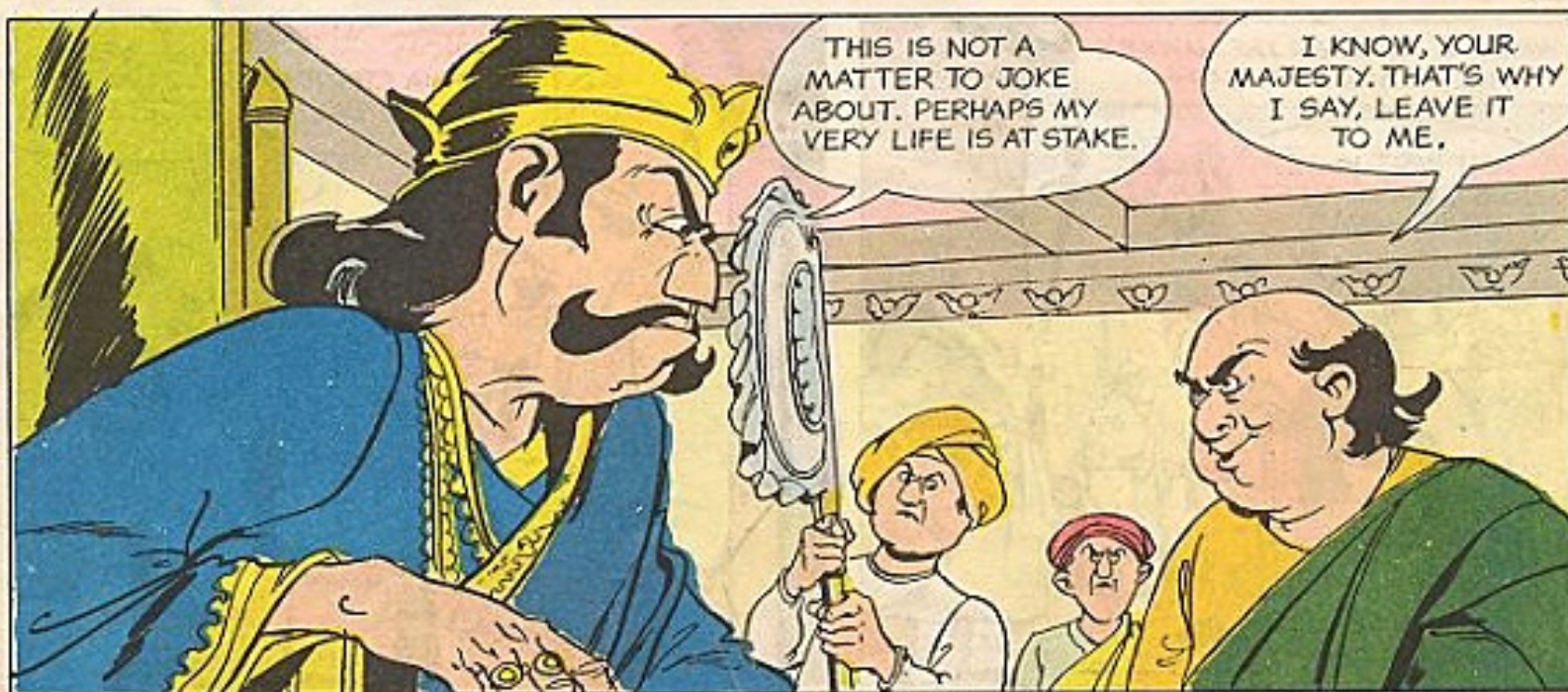
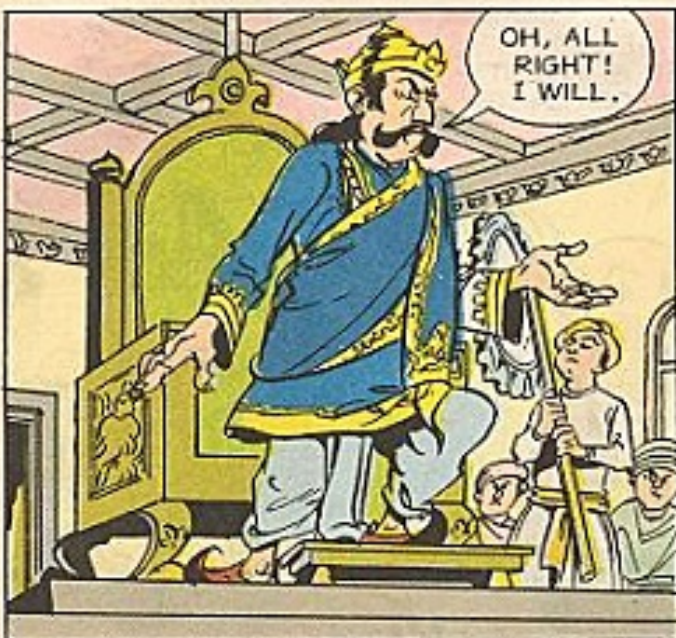


A BUFFALO?
FOR KALI ? YOU
MUST BE
JOKING!











WHERE ARE THE MEASUREMENTS?

IF YOU STEP OUTSIDE FOR A MOMENT, I'LL GIVE THEM TO YOU, YOUR EXCELLENCY.



GOPAL TOOK THE NAWAB TO THE CARTS.

THE THREAD IN THE FIRST FOURTEEN CARTS PUT TOGETHER...



...IS THE LENGTH OF THE EARTH - AND THE REMAINING ELEVEN CART-LOADS, THE BREADTH.



BUT... BUT... WHAT IF IT ISN'T ACCURATE?

YOU COULD HAVE IT CHECKED. OR BETTER STILL, YOUR EXCELLENCY COULD PERSONALLY CHECK IT,





GOPAL IN THE SWEET-SHOP



THE CHILDREN OF THE TOWN LOVED GOPAL FOR HE OFTEN JOINED THEM IN THEIR PRANKS. ONE SUMMER AFTERNOON-



WILL YOU DO SOMETHING FOR US?

I'M SURE HE WILL!



WILL YOU GET US SOME FREE SWEETS FROM BHOLA'S SWEET SHOP?

FREE SWEETS FROM THAT MAN? IMPOSSIBLE!



THE MAN CHEATS US EVEN WHEN WE PAY FOR THE SWEETS.

IS THAT SO? WELL, LEAVE HIM TO ME THEN AND GET READY FOR A FEAST!

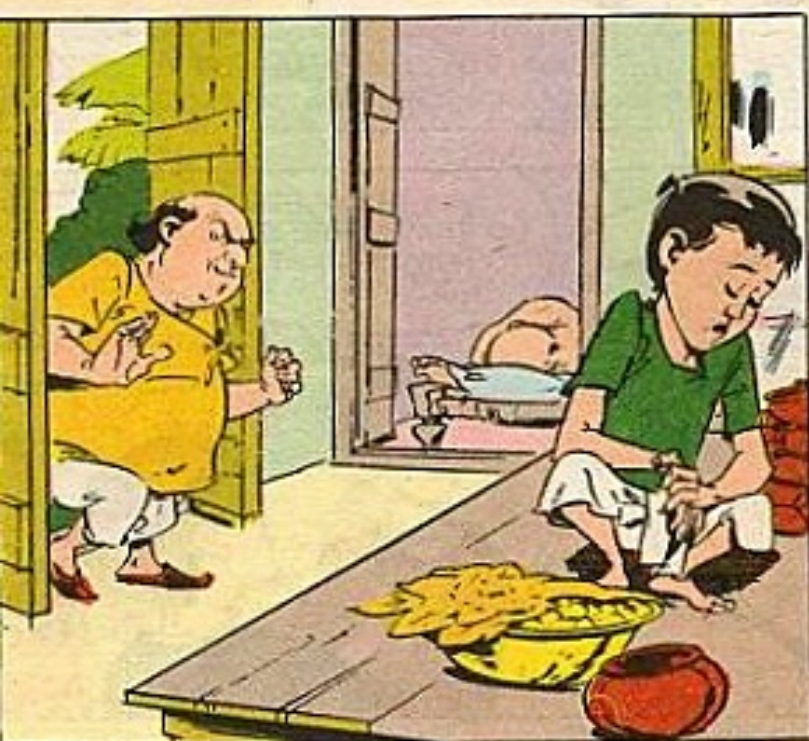


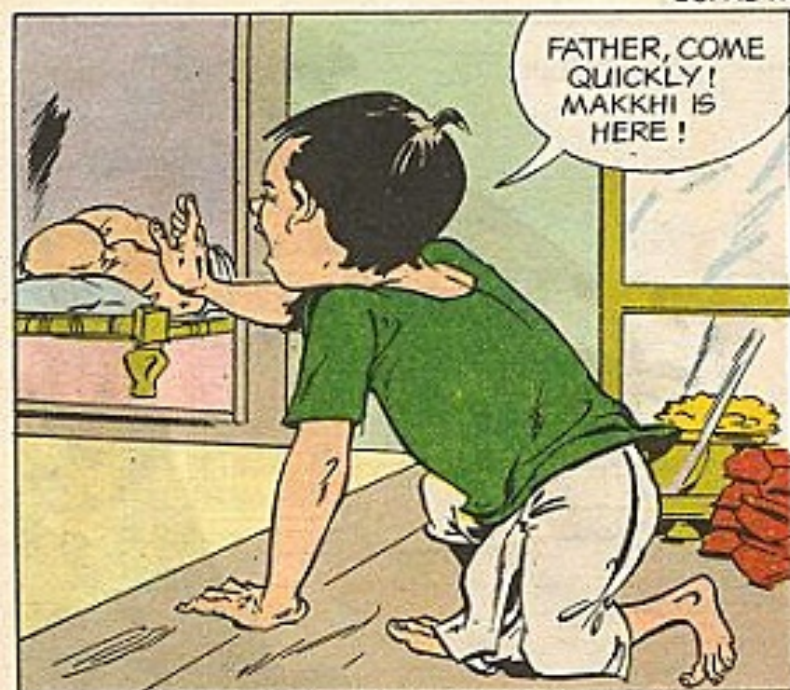
IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR BHOLA'S AFTERNOON NAP.

TRUE ENOUGH, IT WAS.

I AM GOING IN FOR A NAP.
WAKE ME UP IF ANYONE
COMES AND DON'T
LET ME CATCH
YOU EATING
THE SWEETS!

YES,
FATHER.





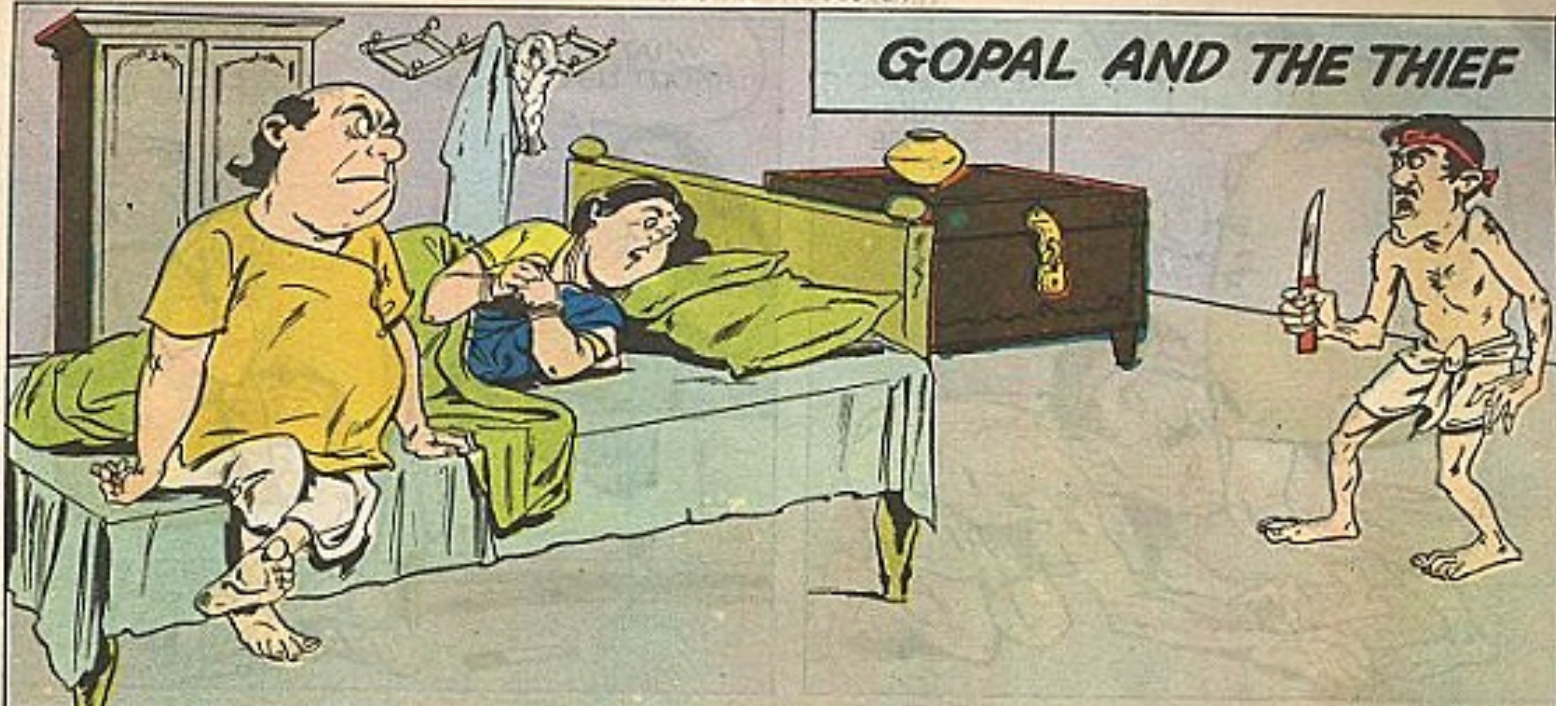
WHO IS THE MASTER ?



ONE DAY, GOPAL WAS ABOUT TO ENTER A SHOP WHEN THE SHOPKEEPER CAME UP BEHIND HIM.



GOPAL AND THE THIEF



ONE NIGHT A THIEF BROKE INTO GOPAL'S HOUSE.

HAND OVER ALL YOUR
GOLD ORNAMENTS!
AND BE QUICK!

T...TAKE WHATEVER
YOU WANT. B...BUT
SPARE OUR LIVES.

JUST THEN THEY HEARD A SOUND.

WHAT'S
THAT?

IT MUST BE
ANOTHER THIEF
TRYING TO
BREAK IN.

WHO
IS IT?

HUSH!
QUIET!

WHAT'S THE
MATTER? YOU
LOOK WORRIED.

I'M DONE
FOR! IT'S A
GANG OF
DACOITS.



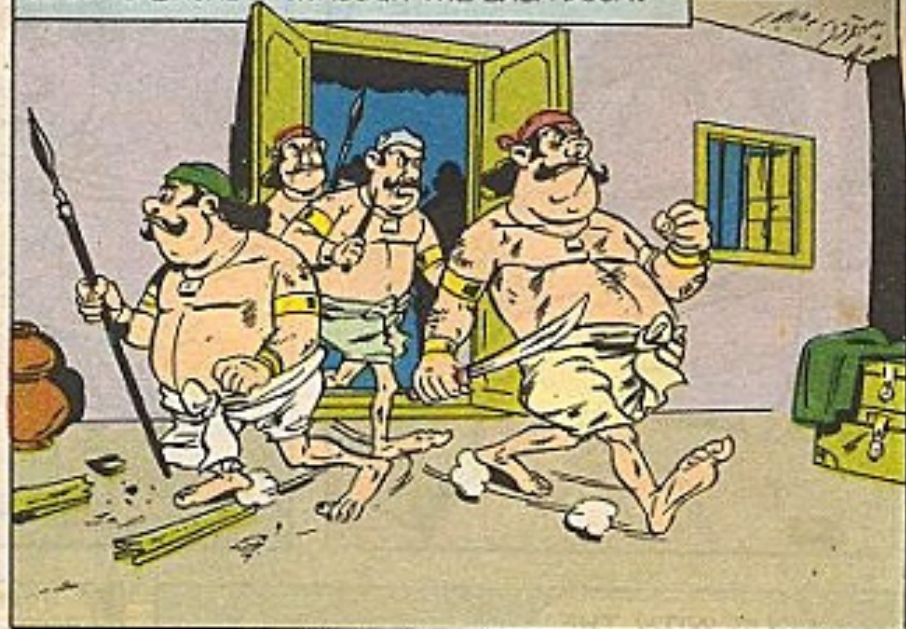
GOPAL LEFT BY THE FRONT DOOR.

PLEASE
COME BACK
SOON.

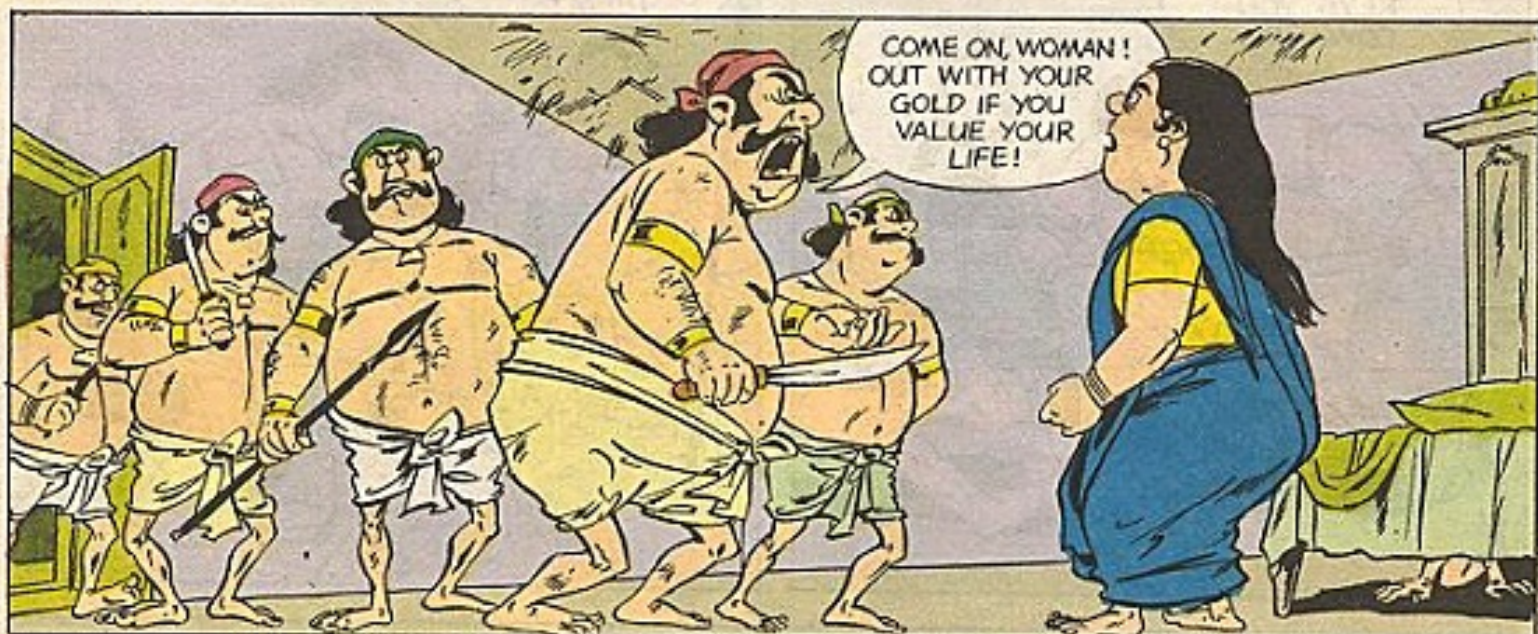
I WILL. DON'T
FORGET TO DO
EXACTLY AS I'VE
TOLD YOU.



EVEN AS GOPAL'S WIFE CLOSED THE FRONT DOOR, THE
DACOITS BROKE IN THROUGH THE BACK DOOR.



COME ON, WOMAN!
OUT WITH YOUR
GOLD IF YOU
VALUE YOUR
LIFE!



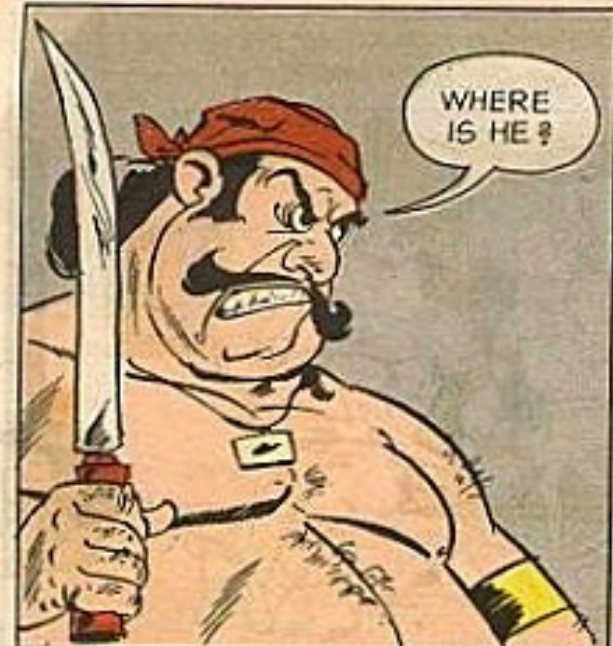
BUT...BUT...IT'S ALL
LOCKED UP.

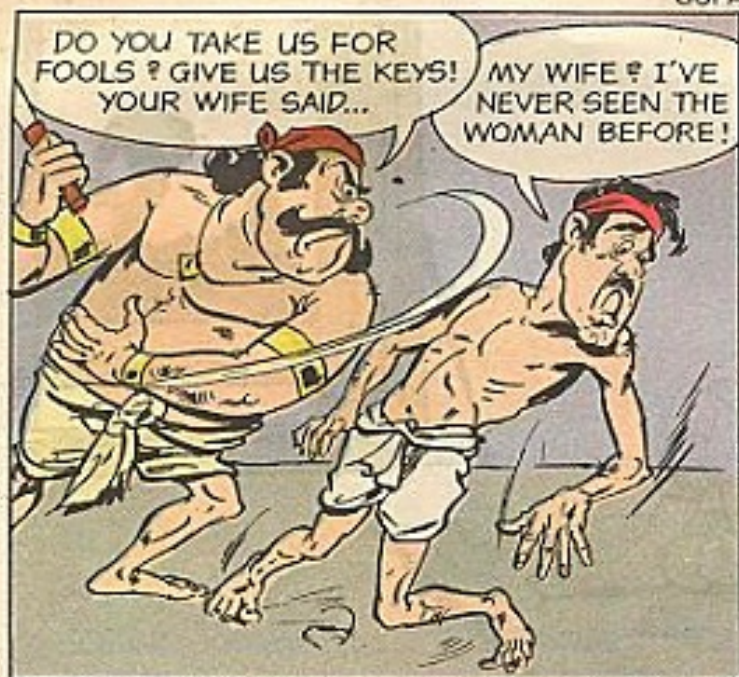
WHERE
ARE THE
KEYS?



WITH...
WITH THE...
MASTER!







GOPAL AND GOVINDA



GOPAL'S NEIGHBOUR, GOVINDA, WAS ALWAYS DAY-DREAMING AND HIS WIFE KEPT PACE WITH HIM.

I'VE BEEN THINKING.
AS SOON AS I GET SOME
MONEY, I SHALL
BUY A COW.



THEN WE'RE SOON
GOING TO NEED EXTRA
POTS. I'D BETTER
GO OUT AND
BUY SOME.



SO GOVINDA'S WIFE WENT MARKETING. WHEN SHE
RETURNED—

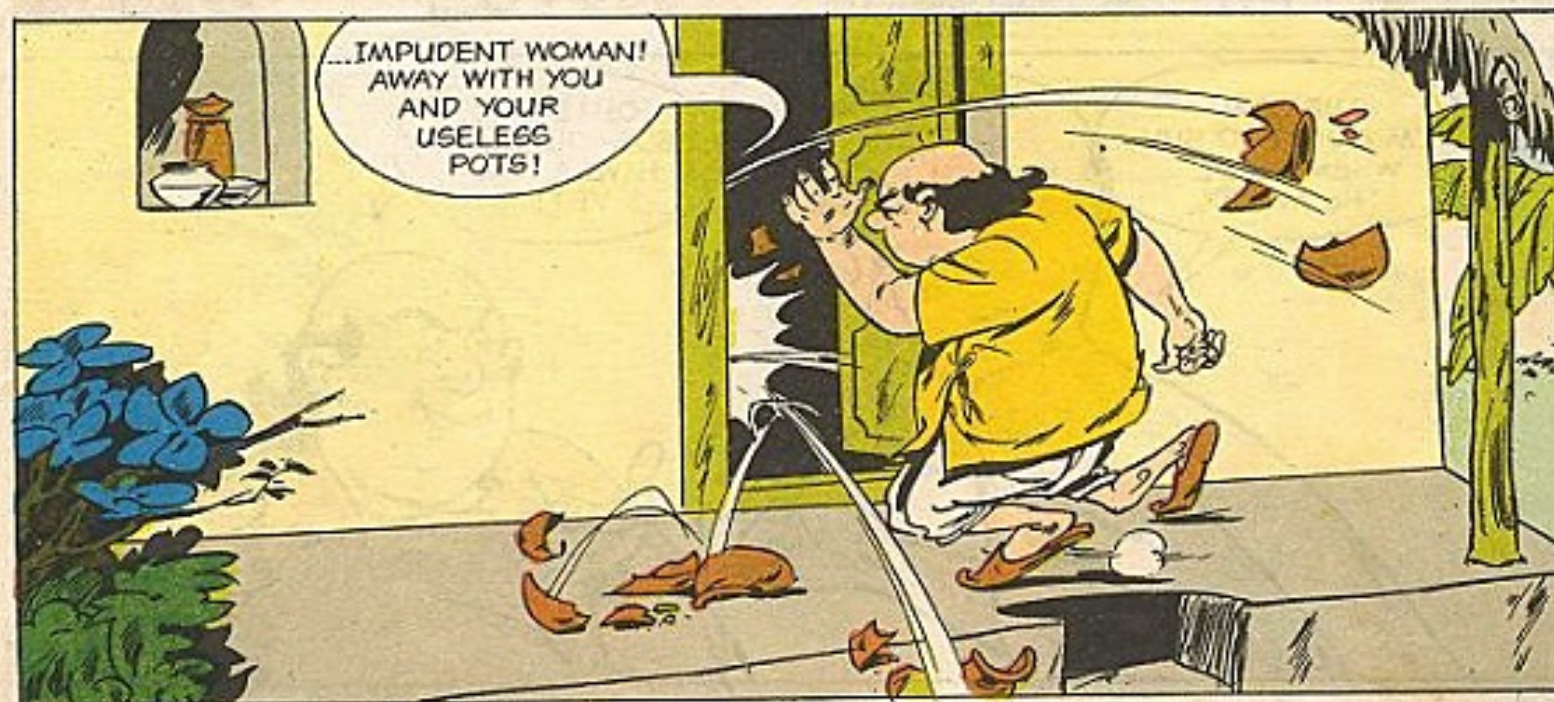
WHAT'S
ALL THIS?

POTS FOR
THE MILK, BUTTER,
BUTTERMILK AND
GHEE THAT
WE'LL GET
FROM OUR
COW.

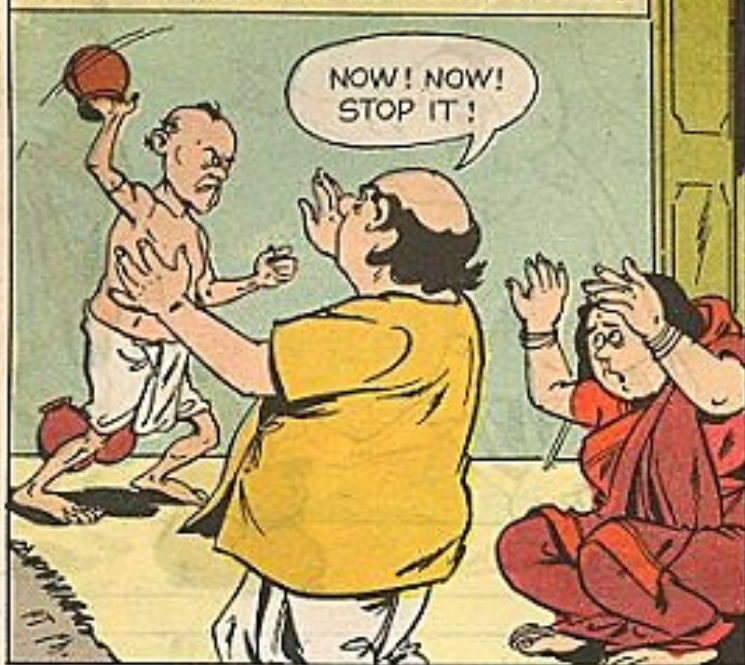


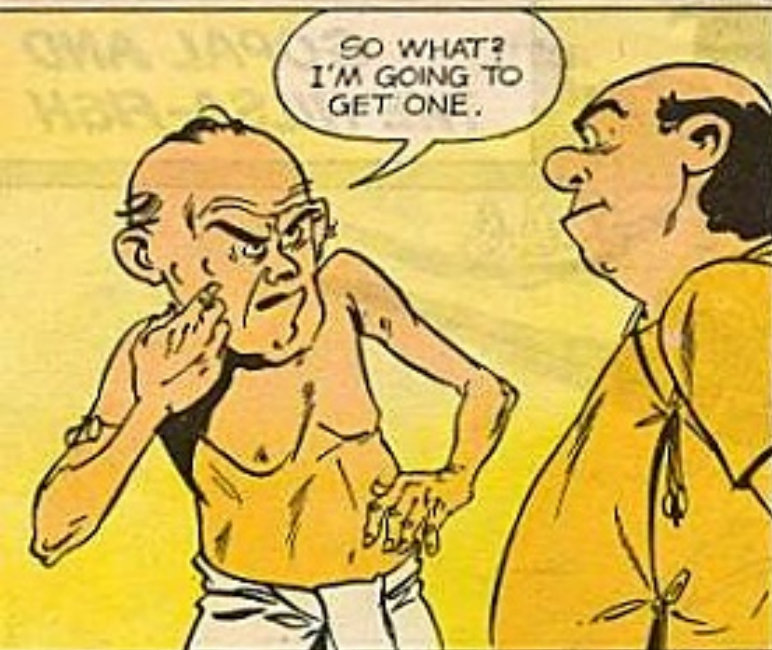
OH GOOD! BUT WE
NEED ONLY FOUR. WHAT'S
THE FIFTH ONE
FOR?



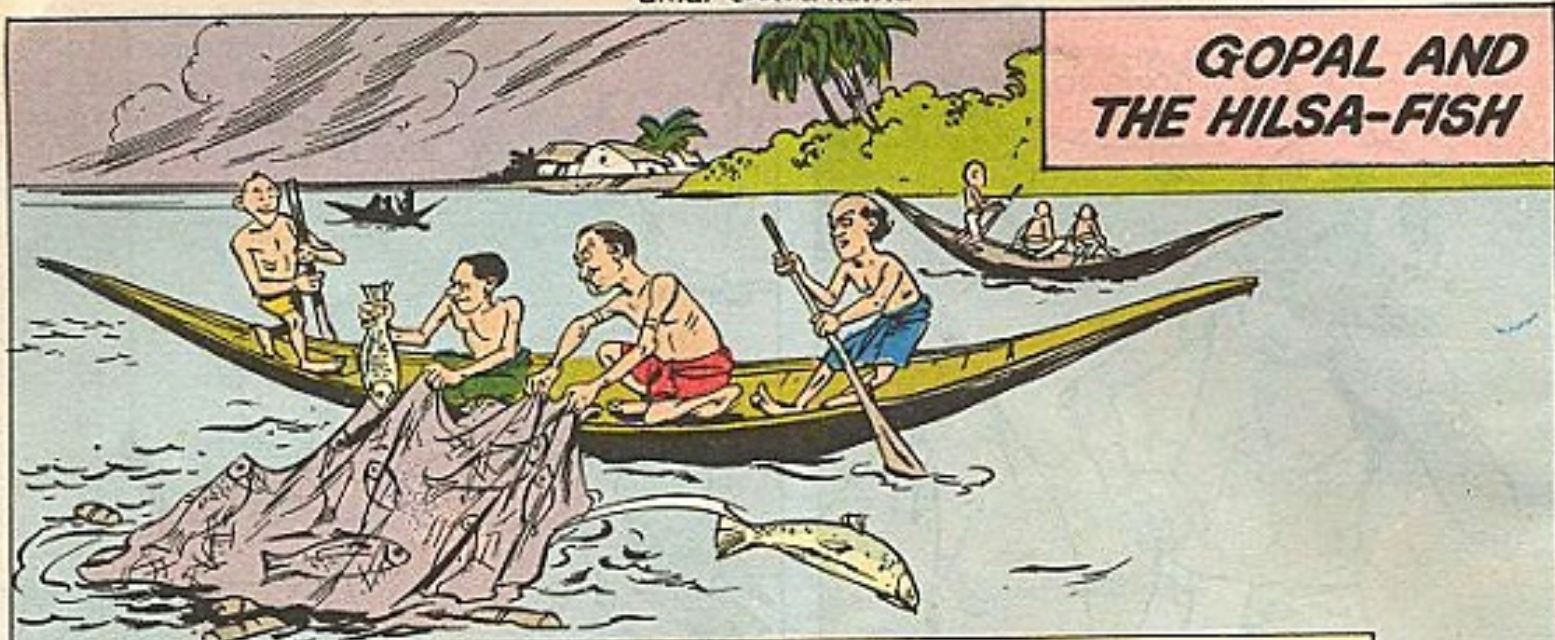


GOPAL RUSHED INTO GOVINDA'S HOUSE.





GOPAL AND THE HILSA-FISH



IT WAS THE SEASON FOR HILSA-FISH. FISHERMEN COULD THINK OF NOTHING BUT HILSA-FISH.

FISHMONGERS SOLD NOTHING BUT HILSA-FISH.

COME, BUY. THE PRICE OF HILSA IS DOWN TODAY.



HOUSEHOLDERS COULD TALK OF NOTHING BUT HILSA-FISH.

HOW MUCH DID YOU PAY FOR THAT HILSA?

YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT IF I TOLD YOU.



AND IN THE PALACE TOO THE COURTIER'S COULD DISCUSS NOTHING BUT HILSA-FISH.

YOUR MAJESTY, YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE HUGE HILSA I CAUGHT. IT WAS...



STOP
IT!

ARE YOU A
COURTIER OR
A FISHERMAN?

THE COURTIER FELL SILENT WITH DOWNCAST EYES,
THE KING FELT GUILTY.

I'M SORRY I LOST
MY TEMPER. IT IS THE
SEASON FOR
HILSA-FISH
AND NO ONE...

... NOT EVEN GOPAL CAN
STOP ANYONE FROM
TALKING ABOUT
HILSA-FISH. NOT
EVEN FOR FIVE
MINUTES!

OH,
I THINK
I COULD,
YOUR
MAJESTY.

THEN LET ME SEE YOU
BUY A HUGE HILSA AND
BRING IT TO THE PALACE
WITHOUT ANYONE ASKING
YOU A WORD ABOUT IT!

I ACCEPT
THE CHALLENGE,
YOUR MAJESTY.

A FEW DAYS LATER—

WHY IS YOUR
FACE
HALF-SHAVEN?

I'M DRESSING
UP TO BUY
A FISH.



WHAT'S THE
MATTER WITH YOU?
WHY ARE YOU SMEARING
YOURSELF WITH
'ASH'?

I TOLD YOU—
I'M DRESSING UP
TO BUY A HILSA-
FISH.



LISTEN TO ME!
PLEASE, YOU CAN'T
POSSIBLY GO OUT IN
THOSE DISGRACEFUL
RAGS! WHAT ARE
YOU UP TO?

HOW MANY TIMES
MUST I TELL YOU,
WOMAN? I AM OUT
TO BUY A HUGE
HILSA - FISH.



IT'S HAPPENED TO HIM!
HE'S GONE MAD!



GOPAL BOUGHT THE HILSA-FISH AND STARTED WALKING TOWARDS THE PALACE.



INSIDE THE PALACE—

THE MAN
IS CRAZY!

THROW HIM
OUT AT ONCE!

I WANT TO
SEE THE KING.
LET ME IN!

BRING THAT
MAN TO ME
AT ONCE!

YES, YOUR
MAJESTY.

GOPAL WAS BROUGHT BEFORE THE KING.

IT'S
GOPAL!

THE MAN
HAS LOST HIS
MIND!

I THINK IT'S
ONE OF HIS
CRAZY
JOKES.



ONLY THEN DID THE KING REMEMBER THE CHALLENGE HE HAD THROWN TO GOPAL.



GOPAL COUNTS THE STARS



LEAVE IT TO ME, YOUR MAJESTY? IF I COULD MEASURE THE EARTH, I CAN COUNT THE STARS, TOO! ALL I NEED IS A FLOCK OF SHEEP.

A FLOCK OF SHEEP? WHAT HAVE SHEEP TO DO WITH STARS?

YOU'LL FIND OUT, BY AND BY, YOUR MAJESTY.

GOPAL TOOK THE SHEEP TO MURSHIDABAD AND WAITED OUTSIDE THE MOSQUE.

AH! HERE COMES THE NAWAB FOR HIS MORNING PRAYERS.

TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR. TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE...

WHAT'S THAT FELLOW UP TO?

...TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX. TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND...

HEY, YOU!



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Dipy doo
Dipy dum dum
Dipy's Squashes are
very yum yum yum**

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